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Distracted driving bill proposes demerits

Shift in approach.
MLA says private bill has government support



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Responding to persistent calls from his constituents, a Calgary MLA is hoping to shift gears in the distracted driving fight with a bill that would drive up fines and tack on demerits for guilty motorists.

And Moe Amery, Tory party member and representative for Calgary-East, says he has support from government caucus for the proposed Bill 204, which was officially introduced in the Alberta legislature last week.

Currently, people caught talking on a handheld device, texting, grooming or performing other dangerous activities behind the wheel are slapped with a \$172 fine. The fine was introduced in September 2011, but police say they fear that many motorists don't take the penalty seriously.

Amery agrees. "It's really not doing the job," he said. "We're all guilty of using the phone, but when there's a law in place, we must respect the law."

His constituents demanded a new bill, Amery

Quoted

"A lot of people are just paying the fine, quite honestly ... even if you wrote tickets for a \$1,000 or \$500, for some people it might be a deterrent because of the money, but others it might not."

City police traffic Insp. Ken Throwe

said, which proposes to bump up the fine to \$250 and slap motorists with three demerit points.

Figures provided by the Calgary Police Service indicate that 5,821 drivers had been hit with the \$172 fine this year to the end of September.

As well, at least one driver had been distracted in 767 collisions to the end of October, but police caution that number could be low as many are unlikely to admit they weren't paying attention when the incident occurred.

Prior to Amery's bill being introduced, city police traffic Insp. Ken Throwe was non-committal in an interview when asked whether boosting fines would have a marked difference on road safety.

"A lot of people are just paying the fine, quite honestly ... even if you wrote tickets for a \$1,000 or \$500, for some people it might be a deterrent because of the money, but others it might not," he said.

Don Szarko with the Alberta Motor Association said his group has seen little evidence to date that adding demerits to the dis-

tracted driving equation positively alters behaviour behind the wheel.

He noted that a recent proposal in Manitoba to boost penalties for texting behind the wheel to \$1,000 and three demerits was just the latest in a series of province-specific tweaks to legislation on the distracted driving file.

"It's a bit strange, it's all over the map," he said. "In our view, we're a little bit concerned about the lack of consistency that's out there right now with proposed penalties."

Amery said his bill likely wouldn't return to the legislature for a second and third reading until the spring session, but he said early indications are that there's widespread support for the tougher penalties.

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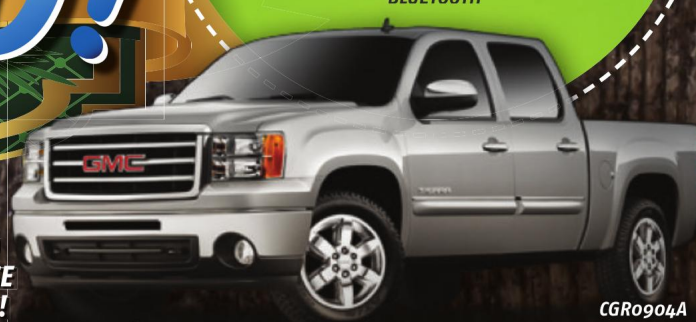
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Lisa Michelle Mitchell

Common-law husband accused of killing woman

Murder charges have been laid after the remains of a woman who was declared missing in 2012 were discovered in a southeast Calgary home on Friday.

Police say the discovery is related to the disappearance of Lisa Michelle Mitchell, 31, of Calgary. Autopsy results are expected back today.

Charges of second-degree murder and indignity to a body have been laid against her common-law husband, 38-year-old Allan Shyback, after police found the remains at the couple's Ogden duplex.

Sgt. John Hebert of the CPS Homicide Unit/Missing Persons Team said that although the couple had a history of domestic violence, the accused was never charged.

Mitchell was last seen at her Ogden residence on Oct. 29, 2012. After not hearing from her for an uncharacteristically long amount of time, Mitchell's family became concerned and reported her missing on Nov. 17.

On Friday, a search warrant was executed at the Ogden duplex.

"The search has located what we believe are human remains within the house," said Hebert.

He would not say where exactly the remains were found, but that will be revealed in court.

Two children aged five and seven lived in the home, but Hebert said police ensured they weren't present when the home was searched.

Shyback appears in court Monday. **METRO**



One example of in-roadway crosswalk lighting technology created by Tapco Traffic and Parking Control. COURTESY TAPCONET.COM

City looks at in-road crosswalk lighting

\$50,000 pilot pitched.
Councillor says system would offer 'far better value' if proven effective



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Lights embedded in the roadway at crosswalks are almost certain to rouse drivers who suffer from "inattention blindness," according to a group of city councillors who want the city to spend \$50,000 testing the devices at two locations in Calgary.

By flashing directly upward from the street itself, rather than from the side

of the road or overhead, the devices are believed to be more effective at grabbing the attention of drivers who have "cognitive distractions" such as talking on a cellphone — even a hands-free device — according to an application to the Council Innovation Fund to be considered this week.

"We're hearing more and more that pedestrian safety is being compromised by distracted driving and this is a citywide issue," said Coun. Druh Farrell, one of the sponsors of the application.

Coun. Shane Keating, another sponsor, said in-road lights, if proven effective in Calgary, would offer "far, far better value for money" than traditional overhead lights, which cost about \$85,000

each to install.

Between in-road lights and the "rectangular rapid flashing beacons" (RRFBs) already being installed across Calgary at a cost of about \$25,000 apiece, Keating said the city should increasingly look at "more efficient ways of spending our money" on crosswalks than "great big tubular metal structures hanging overtop of an intersection."

Farrell said the in-road lights are more common in the United States and the pilot project would study how well they work in Calgary's climate.

The devices can be installed so they are flush with the road, Keating noted, meaning snowplows can operate normally.

Application

Councillors Evan Woolley and Brian Pincott are also sponsoring the application to the Council Innovation Fund.

- The application sets a standard of "over 90 per cent" motorist compliance at the in-road flashing lights "in order to consider them effective."
- A 2006 study from the U.S. Transportation Research Board found a compliance rate of 58 per cent for all flashing-beacon crosswalks it examined.

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Calgary's Poppy Fund sees record-breaking donations

'Giving community.'

Ottawa tragedy has got people talking, says campaign chair



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Even after a rash of poppy box thefts, Legions across the city are reporting a record-breaking year for donations.

As of Thursday, the grand total from the poppy fund this year was just over \$1.2 million, and according to Joey Bleviss, chief administrative officer of the Calgary Poppy Fund, that's up about 15 per cent from last year. And they're still counting.

"By the time everything

is all said and done it will be a record," Bleviss said. "I'm ecstatic, and so is my staff. We couldn't believe how fast Calgary came to make the donations."

He's still waiting for totals from some of his biggest branches, and smaller ones too, but he's confident in saying this year will be the one to beat.

For him, the rising trend comes down to a few things, most notably losing both Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo to targeted attacks on the forces.

"Calgary is a very giving community, and they really care about the veterans, their families, et cetera," Bleviss said. "This is the way that they like to repay them."

Al Seddon is the chair of the poppy campaign for

the North Calgary Legion branch 264 in Kensington. He still hasn't reported the donations because they won't stop rolling in, but said they're up at least 30 per cent.

"It's been phenomenal this year, and it's unfortunate why it's phenomenal," Seddon said.

"The incidents have got the people talking about it and they realize all of the sudden the world is smaller and those things are now on our doorstep."

He thinks people are more aware of the military than they were five years ago and it's resulted in a donation boom.

"I can't give you a final number yet, because donations are still coming in," Seddon said. "There's no question this year is going to be a record-breaker."



Calgary Poppy Fund chief administrative officer Joey Bleviss is thrilled the group has collected record-setting donations. METRO FILE

Slow down on 16 Avenue NW land sale: Residents



The 0.84-acre parcel of land that the city is proposing to sell for \$210,000. CITY OF CALGARY

Arguing the sale price is too low and the future transportation needs are unclear, northwest Calgary residents are urging city council not to sell a piece of land along 16 Avenue as part of a larger redevelopment and wait for more traffic studies to be completed.

The sale of the 0.84-acre parcel at the northwest corner of 16 Avenue and Uxbridge Drive NW is up for a vote at city council on Mon-

day, as part of the larger Stadium Shopping Centre redevelopment.

Numerous area residents spent nearly 12 hours outlining their opposition to the redevelopment at a council meeting in July 2013, but University Heights Community Association president Peter Khu said Sunday many fears have since been assuaged by the city's commitment to make 14 different infrastructure upgrades in the area.

Still, Khu said residents remain concerned about the sale of the land for \$250,000 per acre, as it may be needed for a future interchange, road widening or other type of transportation use at the busy intersection.

"At the end of the day, if they're only going to make \$210,000 ... does it make sense to lose that and give up the right of the way?" he said.

St. Andrews Heights Community Association president

Jacques Gendron said the city should "hang tough" and wait until two major traffic studies for the area are completed next year, before deciding on the land sale.

The developer, Western Securities, noted in a submission to council that the larger area redevelopment plan (ARP) for Stadium Shopping Centre "supports the incorporation of the subject parcel into the site design."

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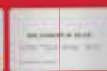
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Longtime bus driver arrives at final stop

45 years of service.

Don Strom started in transit when he was 22, now looks forward to playing golf, curling and travelling



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After 45 and a half years of service with Calgary Transit Don Strom steps off his bus at Brentwood Station to a warm welcome on a chilly Friday morning.

This is the last stop, and he's at a loss for words.

Strom is Calgary Transit's most senior driver, and it's his last shift.

"I'll know (how I feel on) Tuesday, when I'm supposed to go back to work," Strom said. "It's a funny feeling."

He started driving for

Driven to succeed

In his years of service, Strom has boasted a clean driving record for the bulk of his career, a surprising feat for such a long-running career in transit.

transit when he was 22, in Edmonton at first and then moved on to Calgary. Now he's 71 years old and ready for retirement.

His son, wife and grandchildren were on the bus for his last day.

"They surprised me," Strom said. "All of the sudden there was a camera taking a picture of me."

Now that he doesn't have to be up at quarter to four in the morning for his shift, Strom hopes he'll have more time to golf and curl, maybe travel.

Shane Wright, Strom's supervisor of four years, said he's sad to see him go.

"I was lucky enough to be the last supervisor that he had," Wright said.

"Don would do anything to help anybody and would go out of his way to help a person."

Wright added a few years ago Strom was commended after helping an old man with his groceries, bringing them directly from the bus to the man's doorstep on a stormy night.

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“Don would do anything to help anybody and would go out of his way to help a person.”

Shane Wright, Don Strom's supervisor at Calgary Transit



Don Strom steps off his Calgary Transit bus, winding down a 45-year career dedicated to keeping commuters on the move. HELEN PIKE/METRO

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Edmonton's long-awaited snow battle unfolded in Kinsmen Park Sunday with hundreds showing up to let snowballs fly.

The #yegsnowfight was organized through social media over the past few weeks, with willing participants signing up in advance to get a text message notification.

Jaime Gonek brought her family down to the icy clash and said she thought it was a great event.

"I have four sons — the more we can wear them down, the more they sleep," she said.

Gonek said Edmonton's winters can get people down and this is a great event to get people moving. "It's a great way to still enjoy winter in Edmonton. We have so many excuses to stay inside; it's a fantastic ex-



Young and old were all welcome Sunday at Kinsmen Park in Edmonton for the #yegsnowfight. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

cuse to get outside."

Co-organizer Jeff Chase said they had nearly 3,000 people signed up to get the alert for the big event and it was great to finally start it up.

"We have been waiting for great conditions and today is the day to go," he said. "People were getting kind of excited

and antsy for the day and this was the perfect time."

Chase said they didn't initially imagine having such a turnout.

"I was surprised at first, but then I started to think about it and this is totally an Edmonton thing. Edmontonians rally behind things like this," he said.

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MRU expects deficit to grow with 'new fiscal reality'

Post-secondary problems. Provost's warning of \$10M shortfall contrasts sharply with pledges from premier



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Senior administrators at a Calgary university already hammered by budget cuts are looking at streamlining operations as they brace for what's being described as "a new fiscal reality" in Alberta.

The warnings from Mount Royal University's president and provost Friday appear to contrast sharply with pledges from Premier Jim Prentice, who, while vying for the Tory leadership crown, said he would restore the remaining funds cut from post-secondary coffers in 2013.

That year's budget saw a nine per cent turnaround in once-promised funding and left Mount Royal with a \$14-million shortfall.

In response, Mount Royal cut eight programs, eliminated more than 60 jobs and plotted a 10 per cent reduction in student enrolment at a time when demand for undergraduate degrees in the province has arguably never been higher.

Metro has since learned

via a document leaked Friday that Mount Royal is facing a projected \$4-million deficit in 2015-16 and a \$5-6 million gap in 2016-17.

But provost Kathryn Shailer, in a leaked memo to staff, described the funding shortfalls as merely a "starting point."

"We believe that we will in fact be facing significantly greater deficits," Shailer wrote. "Our minister has made clear that we must prepare for our 'a new fiscal reality; our premier has said that all Albertans will feel the impact of reduced provincial revenues and other comparable labour settlements within Alberta suggest we must increase our allowance for these."

The latter part of Shailer's statement refers to collective agreement negotiations with Mount Royal's faculty association and staff association that have gone to arbitration.

The settlement amounts aren't known but she said it's likely they will exceed the budgeted zero per cent.

No official was available for comment from Mount Royal — Metro did have an interview booked Friday with Shailer on unrelated matters, but it was cancelled.

A copy of a statement that went out to the university community from President David Docherty was provided.

"It is no secret that Mount Royal University is facing significant budget challenges....

We know that we must pre-



Mount Royal University is working to close a \$10-million budget gap over the next two years, but warns that may just be the start of financial woes as provincial revenues decline. METRO FILE

pare for a changing economic landscape. Addressing these challenges will require the collective involvement and wisdom of all members of the Mount Royal community," Docherty said.

In her email, Shailer states that the seven current faculties at Mount Royal will amalgamate into five and the total number of departments will be "reduced by five or six," but it's believed those moves will have little, if any, impact on students.

Mount Royal's efforts do appear proactive, given

that the provincial budget likely won't be released until March.

Critics accused the university of being caught flat-footed after the cuts in 2013 and many questioned its push to eliminate programs that had low potential for transitioning into full baccalaureate degrees.

Shailer indicated more information would be released to the Mount Royal community concerning the university's budget at a board of governors meeting scheduled for Monday.

Funding woes

An analysis of funding levels indicates the university's nearly \$85.9 million provincial grant this fall is still 2.5 per cent shy of the amount it was given in 2012-13, the year before the major cuts were introduced.

- Premier Jim Prentice has warned in recent weeks of tough financial times ahead as his government anticipates prices between

\$65-75 for a barrel of U.S. oil. He did, however, make a campaign promise to restore post-secondary funding, one that new Advanced Education minister Donald Scott has been adamant would be fulfilled.

- Asked about declining revenues last week, Scott insisted no decisions had been made about 2015 post-secondary funding.

Quoted

"Even if the government covered our projected deficit, we would still proceed with this restructuring."

Kathryn Shailer, Mount Royal University provost, in a leaked memo to staff

U of A student's designs to hit Montreal catwalk

Poised to make his debut, one University of Alberta business student hopes a national design competition will be his springboard into the world of fashion.

Zachary Ward is one of 25 young designers chosen for Canada's Breakthrough Designers 2015 competition, an annual competi-

tion showcasing some of the country's most promising fashion designers.

As a U of A business student, studying law and fashion design, Ward said he has always been interested in design.

"I was doing some amateur things in junior high that I never really made, but I guess

the first actual designs I made wasn't until high school when I took a drafting class," he said.

After submitting his design for this year's competition, Ward said his work was chosen to appear in a Montreal fashion show in February along with the other finalists.

At stake is upwards of \$50,000 in scholarships and

prizes.

When it comes to design, Ward said he tries to see inspiration in the world around him, getting his ideas from people and places.

"I like to keep an open mind to design. I really respect people who can design in a diverse manner," he said, adding he doesn't typecast his work

into male or female genres.

Ward said it's hard to pinpoint what it is that draws him to design.

"It's just something that I understand. It's kind of like when I do it, when I work on it, I know what I'm doing," he laughed. "Maybe it's naivety, but it's what draws me to it."

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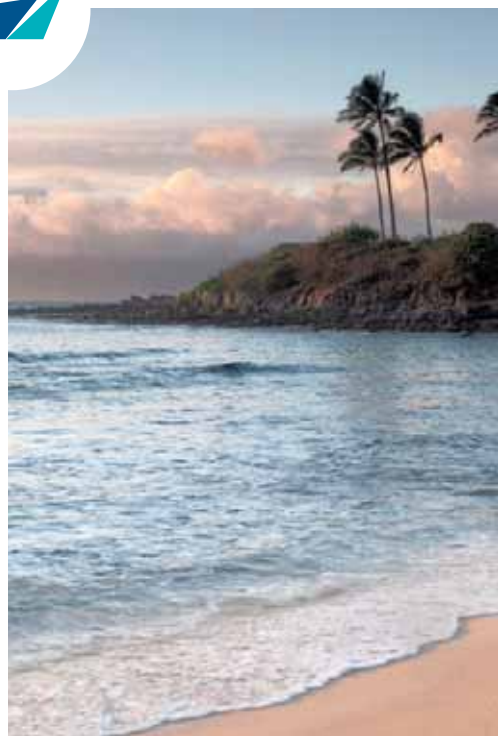
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QE2. Slick road conditions lead to three collisions

Police are advising caution on Alberta highways after slick conditions were a factor in three major collisions that snarled the QE2 north of Calgary.

Ten vehicles were involved in the first wreck near the Penhold overpass just south of Red Deer, RCMP said. Several people were treated by paramedics on scene; one person was transported to hospital. The highway was closed right after, but reopened a few hours later.

A police cruiser was involved in the second collision, as a semi lost control on ice and slid into the stationary vehicle. The officer was not in the vehicle and wasn't injured, but the crash caused major damage to the police car.

RCMP said a third set of collisions happened on Highway 2A near Penhold, but the vehicles were removed from the scene and traffic was moving shortly after the incident.

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Red Deer. Suspect calls police to turn himself in

A man sought on a warrant on charges of robbing and sexually assaulting a woman in central Alberta has turned himself in to police.

Blackfalds RCMP say Justin Mueller, 28, telephoned police from Edmonton on Friday.

An officer went to a home in Edmonton and Mueller was taken into custody.

Police say a 20-year-old woman was leaving her job by car shortly early Thursday morning at a hotel in Red Deer,

Alta., when a man came to her driver's side door and brandished a knife. The male forced the female to get in the passenger seat and he drove to a bank where he took her to the ATM and forced her to withdraw money from her account.

RCMP say he took her to a rural location near Penhold where he sexually assaulted her before driving back to Red Deer and dropping her off at a convenience store and leaving with her vehicle. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hitmen score early, bears fly left and right

Under two minutes in. Annual teddy bear toss to benefit YWCA, Alberta Children's Hospital



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The Hitmen didn't hesitate to pull the teddy-bear trigger.

Left-winger Radel Fazleev scored 1:38 into the first period of the Calgary Western Hockey League team's game against the Moose Jaw Warriors Sunday afternoon, unleashing an avalanche of stuffed animals from the fans at the Scotiabank Saddledome.

It was all part of the 20th annual Teddy Bear Toss, a tradition that has attracted worldwide attention for the spectacle of tens of thousands of plush toys raining down onto a hockey surface the moment the Hitmen score their first goal, and for the fact that all the toys are collected and donated to kids who need them.

That's a lot of bears

25,214

The Hitmen said 25,214 bears will be donated to more than 60 local agencies from this year's event.

Carson Annala, 8, and his friend Sean McFadyen, also 8, were thrilled to toss their bears over the glass from their seats behind the Hitmen net so soon.

"It was really quick," Carson said.

"Yeah, like two minutes in!" added Sean.

Father Ron Annala said it was the fourth time he had brought Carson to a Teddy Bear Toss.

"It's awesome, because you're always worried they might be shut out," he said of Fazleev's early goal.

Fazleev, for his part, seemed relieved, as well.

"I'm just happy that I scored that goal," he said as his teammates collected the stuffed animals and more continued to rain down from the stands. "And I'm just really happy to be here."



Calgary Hitmen players collect bears from the ice of the Scotiabank Saddledome during a break in the play after the team's first goal of the game triggered the 20th annual Teddy Bear Toss from the stands. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

No smoke alarms

Residents, dog forced out of their home by fire

Firefighters are reminding Calgarians to maintain functioning smoke alarms in their homes after two people and a dog were forced from their southwest bungalow early Sun-

day morning by a blaze in the roof of their house.

The fire broke out around 8 a.m. in the 3800 block of 3 Avenue SW.

The first firefighters to arrive saw smoke coming from the roof.

According to the fire department, the two residents and their dog had already made their way out of the house.

There were no reported injuries.

The residents had no working smoke alarm in the house. But "luckily" the two residents were awake when the fire broke out and heard noise coming from the blaze, the fire department said in a release.

"Calgarians are reminded that smoke alarms

save lives, cutting the risk of dying in a home fire in half.

"Smoke alarms should be installed and maintained in every home," the fire department said in the release.

The fire was confined to the roof, fire officials said.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

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Wind turbines generating power in Nova Scotia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Turbines have little impact on property values, study shows

Wind turbines generally have little effect on the value of nearby properties, possibly with isolated exceptions, a recent study of thousands of home and farm sales has found.

The surprising findings, published in the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, comes amid an already fiery debate over wind

farm impacts and appear to contradict widely-held views among turbine critics.

The study focused on Ontario's Melancthon township — home to one of the country's oldest and largest wind farms — and surrounding areas.

"The lack of significant effects of the Melancthon wind farm is somewhat surprising,

given the public outcry regarding the construction of these turbines," according to the authors. "These results do not corroborate the concerns raised by residents regarding potential negative impacts of turbines on property values."

The University of Guelph researchers analyzed more than 7,000 home and farm sales. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Palau Community College President Patrick Tellei is among the citizens of the tiny republic urging Canada to help an Uighur man. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-prisoner left stateless in paradise

Hoping. Last of group sent to the tiny nation of Palau longs to settle in Canada with his family

Thirteen years ago, a small, bearded man was tossed into the notorious Guantanamo Bay prison on suspicions of terrorism. He was eventually declared a non-enemy combatant and given refuge in a glittering island nation in the North Pacific — but he has been longing for a permanent home in a country like Canada ever since.

Davut Abdureham is a Muslim from China's western region, born into the country's persecuted ethnic Uighur minority. He and five other freed Uighur men were assured the Republic of Palau would be a pit-stop, a temporary oasis beyond reach of a Communist government keen on punishing them for separatist aspirations.

But on Oct. 31, Abdureham marked the fifth anniversary of his arrival with hopes dying that Canada would emancipate him.

He is the only one left and Palau has asked Canada to welcome the stateless man and his family. Representatives of President Tommy Remengesau say that if their modest democracy can stand up for human rights against the Asian superpower, so can Canada.

Torture threat

The man's saga began during the United States' post 9-11 war on terror, when he and a group of fleeing Uighurs captured in Pakistan were deemed a threat. They were imprisoned in Guantanamo detention centre, until a U.S. court ordered their release in 2008 because they had no ties to al-Qaida or the Taliban.

- The U.S. helped the 22 men find safe havens because of fears they would be tortured or executed if returned to China, which blames them for violent unrest.

"I do not see any reason why Canada should fear taking, for example, one of them with the family," said Palau official Rhinehart Silas.

Abdureham, now 40, confirmed in an interview that an application was submitted on his behalf, but he has never heard back from Canada's immigration gatekeepers. He said a man from the Canadian embassy in Manila met with him in 2012 for 50 minutes. The official asked questions, took notes and explained he would route the application appropriately, Abdureham recalled.

He has been waiting ever since. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Inconclusive tests

Dead orca carrying full-term fetus

A necropsy has revealed that a dead orca spotted floating on Vancouver Island was pregnant with a full-term fetus.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans spokeswoman Lara Sloan says tests to determine the cause of death were inconclusive.

She says more tests

will be done on the whale, identified as J-32, which scientists say would have contributed to its pod for decades.

Sloan said the whale appeared to have been dead for a couple of days was in otherwise good condition, suggesting it may not have been hit by a boat.

The loss is considered a blow to recovery efforts because there are so few breeding females.

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Veterans Affairs

Cuts hurt disability awards branch

Some of the biggest job cuts at Veterans Affairs have been in the disability awards branch, the division targeted in an auditor general's report for taking too long to decide on benefit claims of former soldiers.

Performance reports going back to 2009 show that about 897 positions have

been eliminated across Veterans Affairs, with 33 per cent from the section that administers pensions and awards.

The records show the health and rehabilitation branches lost about 372 positions in the same period.

The disability and death compensation branch underspent its budget by \$121 million, a 2013-14 performance report said.

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Bernadette Smith speaks outside the Manitoba legislature in Winnipeg.
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Families face tough times

Aboriginal women.

Special event to help those left behind has happier Christmas

For Bernadette Smith, Christmas was a time for large family gatherings, lots of food and the exchange of gifts.

But since her sister Claudette Osborne disappeared in 2008, Smith finds it hard to focus on anything other than her sibling's empty chair.

"It's hard to see other families gathering together and sharing those special times you can't share with your loved one," Smith says.

"It should be an uplifting time of year, but there is no celebration when you don't have your loved one home — when they've been murdered, you don't have

answers or they're still out there missing."

With about 1,200 missing or murdered aboriginal women across Canada, families have been left mourning in a void, while often struggling to find money for food and gifts for children left behind.

In Manitoba, Nahanni Fontaine reaches out to bereaved families. Fontaine, a special adviser on aboriginal women's issues for the Manitoba government, has for years organized a Christmas party, including a turkey buffet, a tree, Santa and a special place for framed pictures of missing and murdered women.

Fontaine, who has received a Governor General's award for her work on the issue, said she felt compelled to do something.

"I see just depths of sadness and loneliness and longing for loved ones who have been murdered or are missing at this time of the year."

"It's an incredibly difficult time and then it's compounded by the financial constraints."

The first year, there were 40 children. This year, there will be 70.

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"It takes away a few tears for a while. The kids get spoiled for a few hours. That's a good thing."

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Prostitution laws. Wynne expresses concern about safety of sex workers

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne says she is concerned the country's new prostitution law fails to make sex workers safer, and is seeking advice on whether it is in line with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Wynne says she has asked the province's attorney general to advise her on the legislation's "constitutional validity" in light of the Supreme Court of Canada ruling quashing the old law. In her statement Sunday Wynne says she has also asked to be given "options" in case the law's charter compatibility is questioned, but adds the province will still enforce it.

The new law took effect Saturday and more than 60 organizations and agencies from across the country are calling for its non-enforcement and repeal. It's the latest flare-up between Wynne and Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who Wynne has said is refusing to meet to discuss issues of importance to the province.

The sweeping new changes



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne
DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to the way prostitution is regulated in Canada follow the Supreme Court decision last year that found the old laws violated the rights of prostitutes.

The new rules criminalize the purchase of sex as well as things like advertising or other forms of communication related to its sale, while providing some legal immunity for sex workers themselves.

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Paying tribute to a legend

Mourners file past the casket to pay their respect during the public viewing for the Montreal Canadiens legend Jean Béliveau Sunday in Montreal. Béliveau died at the age of 83.

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Threats issued

ISIL video calls for attacks on Canada

A U.S.-based company that monitors trends within the global jihadist movement says the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has released a video calling for lone-wolf attacks on Canadian targets.

STITE Intelligence Group posted the six-minute, 13-second video on its website Sunday and it's been distributed on Twitter and jihadi forums. On the video, a man, who says he is Canadian and identifies himself as Abu Anwar al-Canadi, urges his Muslim countrymen to follow the example of Martin Couture-Rouleau. Couture-Rouleau killed one soldier — warrant officer Patrice Vincent — and injured another when he ran them down with a car in October.

Standing in the ruins of an unidentified area, Abu Anwar warns Canadians that their country being part of the U.S.-led coalition fighting ISIL will bring revenge attacks upon them.

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Chlorine forces evacuation of hotel hosting a 'FurFest'

Suburban Chicago.

Chlorine gas sends 19 to hospital; police say they believe it was released intentionally

Chlorine gas sickened several people and forced the evacuation of thousands of guests from a suburban Chicago hotel early Sunday, including many dressed in cartoonish animal costumes for an annual furries convention who were ushered across the street to a convention centre that was hosting a dog show.

Nineteen people who became nauseous or dizzy were treated at local hospitals, and at least 18 were released shortly thereafter.

The source of the gas was apparently chlorine powder left in a ninth-floor stairwell at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare,



Furries at a Chicago hotel Sunday where police believe chlorine gas was deliberately released. NAM Y. HUIH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

according to the Rosemont Public Safety Department. Investigators say they believe the gas was created inten-

tionally and are treating it as a criminal matter.

The hotel is hosting the 2014 Midwest FurFest conven-

tion, also called Anthrocon, where attendees celebrate animals that are anthropomorphic — meaning they've

been given human characteristics — through art, literature and performance.

Many of the attendees, who refer to themselves as "furries," wore cartoonish animal outfits.

They said they had come for fun, but also for the spiritual and artistic aspects of the convention, during which they celebrate animal characters from movies, TV shows, comic books, video games and characters they create themselves.

Anthrocon conventions typically draw thousands of participants from around the world, many dressed in costumes that they say can cost as much as \$3,000.

Guests were allowed to return a few hours later after the hotel had been decontaminated, and by mid-morning the furries were pouring back in.

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DiMaggio and Miller

Marilyn Monroe love letters fetch big bucks

Joe DiMaggio's love letter to Marilyn Monroe has sold for \$78,125 at a Beverly Hills auction.

Julien's Auctions says the letter was written by the New York Yankees star after Monroe announced she was divorcing him.

Written in 1954, it was among 300 items that sold. A letter from Monroe to her third and final husband, playwright Arthur Miller, sold for \$43,750.

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Barcelona Zoo

Man rescued from lions' den

Officials in Spain say a man has been rescued from the lions' enclosure at Barcelona Zoo after being seriously mauled by three lions. Witnesses say a man wearing a military-style uniform jumped into the den. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pearl Harbor. Veterans attend 73rd anniversary

Veterans who survived the Pearl Harbor attack gathered for the 73rd anniversary of the Japanese bombing that launched the United States into the Second World War.

About 100 Pearl Harbor and Second World War survivors attended Sunday's ceremony overlooking a memorial that sits atop sunken battleship USS Arizona.

Many of them arrived well before the sun came up.

Gilbert Meyer was at-

tending his 10th ceremony. However, the 91-year-old USS Utah survivor says it's getting harder to travel to Hawaii from San Antonio, Texas.

Many of his comrades arrived with the help of canes, wheelchairs and scooters.

A moment of silence was held at 7:55 a.m., the time the bombing began on Dec. 7, 1941.

The attack killed 2,400 sailors, Marines and soldiers.

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In Michigan, a salute during taps at a Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony Sunday at the USS Edson in Bangor Township. YFAT YOSSIFOR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigeria

Gunmen free 200 in latest jailbreak

Gunmen have freed more than 200 prisoners in Nigeria's latest jailbreak, police said Sunday.

Police recaptured at least 10 escapees from the medium security prison at Tunga, in central Niger state, by Sunday morning, said Deputy Superintendent Ibrahim Gambari.

Saturday's attack was the third in the past two months in the West African nation, where jailbreaks are frequent and police only capture a fraction of those who escape.

More than 300 inmates broke out of a prison bombed by gunmen in southwest Ekiti state on Dec. 1.

And 144 escaped from south-central Kogi state on Nov. 3 when gunmen bombed a prison wall.

The two earlier jailbreaks were blamed on the Boko Haram Islamic group.

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Guantanamo Bay prisoners resettled

Preparing to close.

The six Syrians were the first to go to South America; U.S. has transferred 19 prisoners out this year

Six prisoners held for 12 years at Guantanamo Bay have been sent to Uruguay to be resettled as refugees, the U.S. government announced Sunday.

It was a deal that had been delayed for months by security concerns at the Pentagon and political considerations in the South American country.

The six men — four Syrians, a Tunisian and a Palestinian — are the first prisoners transferred to South America from the U.S. base in Cuba.

It's part of a flurry of recent releases amid a



A hospital in Montevideo where the six may be. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

renewed push by President Barack Obama to close the prison.

All were detained as suspected militants with ties to al-Qaeda in 2002 but were never charged.

They had been cleared for release since 2009 but

could not be sent home and the U.S. struggled to find countries willing to take them.

Uruguayan President Jose Mujica HAD agreed to accept the men as a humanitarian gesture and said they would be given help getting established in a country of 3.3 million with a tiny Muslim population of perhaps 300 people.

Among those transferred was Abu Wa'el Dhiab, a Syrian on a long-term hunger strike.

The Pentagon identified the other Syrians sent to Uruguay on Saturday as Ali Husain Shaaban, 32; Ahmed Adnan Ajuri, 37; and Abdelahdi Faraj, 33.

Also released were Palestinian prisoner Mohammed Abdullah Taha Mattan, 35, and 49-year-old Adel bin Muhammad El Ouerghi of Tunisia.

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Protests rock California

Chokehold death.

Despite peaceful protests over court decision not to indict N.Y.C. officer, California demonstrators loot, vandalize

Mostly peaceful protests of a grand jury's decision not to indict a white police officer in the chokehold death of an unarmed black man continued around the country, but authorities said a march in California turned violent when a splinter group smashed windows and threw objects at police.

A Berkeley police officer received hospital treatment for a dislocated shoulder after being hit with a sandbag, while another sustained minor injuries, police spokeswoman Jenn Coats said.

She said several businesses were looted and damaged when a splinter group broke from the peaceful demonstration Saturday night, and officers attempting to get the crowd to disperse used smoke and tear gas. Pro-

testers threw rocks, bricks, bottles, pipes at officers, and some squad cars were damaged. At least six people had been arrested by the time the unrest ended early Sunday morning, Coats said.

Thousands have protested peacefully in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Seattle, Miami and Las Vegas since the announcement Wednesday that a grand jury declined to indict a white officer in the death of Eric Garner, a black man who gasped, "I can't breathe," while being placed in a chokehold as he was being arrested for selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

The decision followed a Ferguson, Mo., grand jury's choice not to indict a white officer in the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

The scope of the demonstrations and the lack of violence were moving to Garner's mother and, she said Saturday.

"It is just so awesome to see how the crowds are out there," said Eric Garner's mother, Gwen Carr.

"I was just so proud of that crowd. It just warmed my heart."

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Typhoon Hagupit kills 3, sends 900,000 people to shelters

Strong waves crash into coastal houses as Typhoon Hagupit pounds the Philippines' Legazpi, Albay province on Sunday. Typhoon Hagupit knocked out power in entire coastal provinces, mowed down trees and sent more than 900,000 people into shelters before it weakened Sunday.

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Demonstrators toss smoke bombs during a march in Berkeley, Calif. on Saturday. Two officers were injured Saturday night at the protest when things turned violent, with protesters smashing windows and throwing bricks at police, authorities said. SAM WOLSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Driving ban. Women held nearly a week for violation

Two Saudi women activists have been detained for nearly a week for defying the kingdom's ban on women driving, family members and an activist said Sunday.

The women, who were arrested after driving into Saudi Arabia from the United Arab Emirates, are supporters of a grassroots campaign launched in October 2013 against the ban.

Organizers say the ban on women driving underpins issues in Saudi Arabia that give men great influ-



One of the women, Loujain al-Hathloul, seen driving Nov. 30.

LOUJAIN AL-HATHLOUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ence over women's lives.

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Israel

Military to look into airstrike deaths

The Israeli military says it opened a criminal investigation into a deadly airstrike from the last Gaza war. At least 24 members of the Abu Jamea family were killed in the July 20 strike on their home.

They included 18 children between the ages of six months and nine years, according to death certificates obtained by The Associated Press.

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India

Uber driver arrested over rape allegations

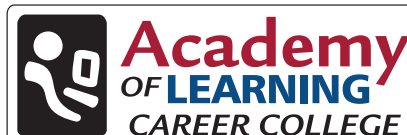
Indian police arrested a driver from the international taxi-booking service Uber Sunday for allegedly raping a young woman in the capital.

Shiv Kumar Yadav, 32, was arrested in his hometown of Mathura, about 160 kilometres south of New Delhi, where the rape allegedly took place Friday, police officer Jag Niwas said.

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Antiquities. Six accused of looting ancient site

Six Palestinians were charged in an Israeli court Sunday of digging for antiquities in a remote desert region where archeologists believe undiscovered Dead Sea Scrolls are buried, Israel's Antiquities Authority said.

The arrests came after a year-long operation to stop Judean Desert looting, thought to be the source of scroll fragments which have trickled onto the local antiquities market, said Uzi Rotstein, an Israeli antiquities inspector.

Rotstein said he spotted the alleged looters by chance in late November. He was in the desert training as a volunteer in a hiker rescue squad when he took a photograph of a far-off cave and noticed two men standing by it.

"No one has any business being there on a Saturday morning," said Rotstein.

He said the men climbed down a 70-metre descent to reach what is known as the Cave of the Skulls, destroying archeological strata in the cave dating back 5,000 years.

The six Palestinian men,

Hidden treasure

The Dead Sea Scrolls are the world's oldest biblical manuscripts.

- They are texts left in caves during the first-century Jewish-Roman war and during the second-century Bar Kochba revolt.
- Their initial discovery in 1947 was one of the 20th century's greatest archeological finds.

from the West Bank village of Sair near Hebron, climbed back up the cliff, and were detained by officials, he said. They have remained in police custody since.

They were carrying excavation tools, metal detectors, and a 2,000-year-old hair comb, he said.

The Antiquities Authority accuses them of digging for Dead Sea Scrolls.

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Santas rev up for season of goodwill

Motorcycling Santas left the reindeer behind on Sunday and took to the streets of Warsaw, Poland, for a charity event. CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sierra Leone

Ebola outbreak kills 10th doctor

Another Sierra Leonean doctor has died from Ebola, the 10th to succumb to the disease.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brima Kargbo said Sunday that Dr. Aiah Solomon Konoyeima, who worked at a children's hospital, died a day earlier. In the current outbreak, Ebola has killed about 6,200 people.

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Islamic centre

Swiss police probe suspects arson

Swiss police are investigating a suspected case of arson at an Islamic centre in eastern Switzerland.

Police said a broken window and smouldering fire were reported Sunday at the Islamic-Albanian cultural centre in Flums.

Firefighters quickly brought the fire under control.

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Low oil prices might hit banks' bottom line

Worry. TD Bank has been impacted by the price of petroleum and there is concern other lenders are at risk, too

Oil prices that reached a five-year low on Friday are starting to take a bite out of profits at TD Bank and raising concerns for the rest of the country's top lenders.

Canada's biggest banks earn up to 20 per cent of their revenues through providing investment and corporate banking services, with oil and gas companies an important part of that client base.

But with oil prices slipping — they have tumbled roughly 35 per cent to under \$70 a barrel from their mid-summer highs due to a strong U.S. dollar, low demand and a glut of global supply — TD Bank says it

Oilpatch companies

The plummeting oil prices have also caused some concerns about whether oilpatch companies will default on their loans and create financial burdens for the banks.

- The big banks say they are regularly performing stress tests on their loan portfolios to see how they will fare in a continued low oil price environment.

will have to look beyond the oilpatch to make up its investment banking revenue.

"With the current activity going on in oil pricing, it certainly is impacting activity levels in the business," Bob Dorrance, the head of TD's wholesale banking division, told investors during a conference call earlier this week after the bank reported its fourth quarter re-

sults.

"Things have slowed down."

The energy sector, a major weight on the Toronto Stock Exchange, has taken a beating on the markets and taken other stocks, including those with indirect exposure to companies that produce crude, down with it.

While all of the country's top lenders reported substantial profits during the quarter, Canaccord Genuity analyst Gabriel Deschaine noted that lacklustre performance on the stock markets caused many of the banks to report weaker than expected revenues from their brokerage businesses.

Scotia Capital analyst Sumit Malhotra says roughly 30 per cent of the underwriting fees — fees from administering new issues on the stock markets — earned by Canada's six top banks this year came from the energy sector.

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Malls warm up to 'shoppertainment'

The Urban Lodge at the Eaton Centre in Toronto offers customers seating, free Wi-Fi and complimentary charging stations for mobile devices. Experts say with the rise of online shopping, malls must provide people with "shoppertainment" to get them through the door over the Christmas holidays. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Experts optimistic

Jobless rate up slightly to 6.6%

The overall drop in Canada's job market last month was so small it fell within the survey's rounding error, but experts remained optimistic

Friday about the country's labour prospects for the future.

Statistics Canada's latest batch of monthly data showed the economy shed 10,700 net jobs last month and nudged the unemployment rate up slightly to 6.6 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Dutch-based company

Mexx declares bankruptcy

Fashion retailer Mexx has declared bankruptcy, becoming the latest fashion retailer forced to liquidate its stock. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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U.S. economy gains momentum

Look past the booming November job gain of 321,000 reported Friday — the best figure in three years in the strongest year for U.S. hiring since 1999.

The job market has reached a new milestone on its road to full health: For the first time since the Great Recession ended 5-1/2 years ago, America's unemployed are now as likely to be hired as to stop looking for a job.

It means that employers have grown confident enough to fill more job vacancies. And it means the unemployed are now less likely to succumb to frustration.

The hiring surge owes much to solid consumer spending — on items like cars, electronics and restaurant meals. That, in turn, has given businesses the



Job seekers fill out forms at a recent job fair in Florida. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

means to step up investment in machinery, computers and facilities.

Thanks to such spending, the economy grew at a 4.3 per cent annual pace from April through September — the healthiest six-month spurt since 2003. Employers have

responded by adding a robust average of 241,000 jobs a month this year.

For each month, the government estimates the proportion of the unemployed who found work and the proportion who stopped looking. In November, 23 per cent of people who were out of work the previous month found jobs, and the same percentage gave up looking. (The figures are three-month averages, intended to smooth out volatility.)

That was the highest percentage of the unemployed to find work in any month since the recession officially ended in June 2009.

A year ago, fewer than 19 per cent of the unemployed were finding jobs.

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North Korea hails cyberattack

North Korea released a statement Sunday that clearly relished a cyberattack on Sony Pictures, which is producing an upcoming film that depicts an assassination plot against Pyongyang's supreme leader.

While denying responsibility for an attack last week that disrupted Sony's computer system and spewed confidential information onto

the Internet, an unidentified spokesman for the North's powerful National Defence Commission acknowledged that it "might be a righteous deed of the supporters and sympathizers" of the North's call for the world to turn out in a "just struggle" against U.S. imperialism.

"We do not know where in America the Sony Pictures is situated and for what wrong-

doings it became the target of the attack, nor (do) we feel the need to know about it," the statement carried in state media said.

"But what we clearly know is that the Sony Pictures is the very one which was going to produce a film abetting a terrorist act while hurting the dignity of the supreme leadership of" North Korea.

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VOICES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDING IS ARCHAIC

Metro columnist Jeremy Klaszus argues that the funding of Catholic schools on par with public schools is unbefitting of a diverse, pluralistic society



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It's time to stop funding Catholic schools on par with public schools in Alberta.

Past time, actually.

The recent controversy over Bill 10 and gay-straight alliances (GSAs) in schools was a reminder of just how out of date and problematic this arrangement is.

Albertans were crystal clear as they spoke up en masse in favour of GSAs: These spaces are important for kids.

LGBTQ advocates boiled it down even more concisely in a news release: "GSAs save lives."

It was disconcerting, then, to see leaders in Catholic school boards balk at the prospect of allowing such alliances in their schools.

Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) board chairwoman Linda Wellman told the Calgary Sun that the board feels GSAs can be "divisive and lead to segregation," though she later told Metro that the CCSD has an anti-bullying strategy "that includes addressing homophobia."

To recap, here is how things work in Alberta: Our public education system includes not just public schools, but also Catholic schools — along with charter and francophone schools.

The roots of this arrangement go back to 1867 and the Canadian Constitution, which allows Roman Catholics and Protestants to start a separate school board if they choose to.

Three provinces have exercised this constitutional right: Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario, along with all three territories.

What does this mean for our society nowa-

days, nearly 150 years later?

It means that at a time when public schools are stretched to the limit, the government continues to heavily invest in schools geared toward a single religious denomination.

This is wrong.

It means that when I called our neighbourhood Catholic school to see if our daughter could attend, I was told "yes" for Kindergarten — but she could not go on to Grade 1 there, because she isn't Catholic.

This is wrong.

It means that while GSAs are encouraged in public schools, they are regarded warily and have yet to take root in Catholic schools.

This is wrong.

Now, this is not a slight against the people working in the Catholic system. In fact there's much to admire about the CCSD.

Compared to the Calgary Board of Education (CBE), it appears to be the more competent school board. While the CBE gets into countless controversies over everything from its expensive (leased!) downtown headquarters to the way it handles elected trustees, the CCSD avoids such controversies and quietly goes about educating kids. The CCSD has built trust and credibility with the community it serves in a way that the CBE hasn't. As well, not all Catholic schools exclude non-Catholics. Some make a point of being welcoming. Nevertheless, funding Catholic schools on par with public schools is archaic and unbefitting of a diverse, pluralistic society.

Overhauling this arrangement is complicated because of the constitutional element. Politicians are terrified to touch it. But it will need to happen sooner or later as society continues to change. The sooner, the better.

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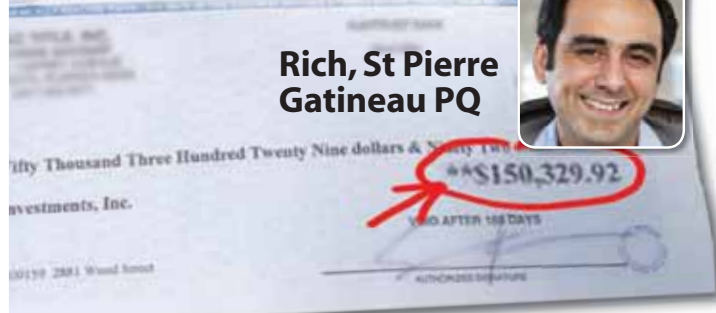
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There's no Saving Christmas for Kirk Cameron turkey

Former Growing Pains star and outspoken evangelical Christian Kirk Cameron learned the hard way that the Internet is basically like quicksand: The more you struggle, the worse it gets.

Last month, Cameron balked at the abysmal score for his new film, Saving Christmas, on review aggregator

Rotten Tomatoes, so he called his fans to action to improve the score by flooding the site with good reviews.

Of course, Rotten Tomatoes doesn't really work that way, but that's beside the point. What happened instead? Well, Cameron just encouraged online pranksters to go to town, pushing the film to

the No. 1 stop on IMDb's 100 Worst Movies list, determined by user ratings on the film database.

And unless he can encourage his fans to start voting down Birdemic: Shock and Terror so its ranking dips below the 1.5 stars Saving Christmas currently has, it's an honour he'll hold for a while.

7th Heaven rerun revival plummets to Earth

Back in October, following revelations that 7th Heaven star Stephen Collins had allegedly confessed to molesting young girls, the wholesome family drama was understandably pulled from cable network UP TV's schedule. Well, last month they tried to quietly slip the series back onto the lineup, but fans understandably weren't having it.

"We brought the show back because many viewers expressed they could separate allegations against one actor from the fictional series itself; as it turns out they cannot," a statement from the network reads. "We will be taking the show back off the air."



Stephen Collins GETTY IMAGES

iPod you not! Music lovers pay big notes for Classics

All that outrage over Apple sneakily discontinuing the popular iPod Classic in the wake of the iPhone 6 and Apple Watch announcements has given way to some impressive price-gouging, as fans are now apparently willing to shell out quite a bit for the dedicated music player. The 160-gigabyte capacity iPod Classics are now selling for as much as £670 (or about \$1,190) in the U.K., according to the Guardian, while in the U.S. they're topping out on Amazon at the seemingly much more reasonable \$490.

But that's still a lot more than the \$249 the Classic went for before being killed off. Oh, and if you've got an old iPod

Classic kicking around and want to cash in, even used ones are going for up to \$500 on eBay.

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It takes a crowd to cross ethnic boundaries

Sandra Oh. Former Grey's Anatomy star seeks funding for new film project she hopes will better represent young Asian women



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After 10 seasons on Grey's Anatomy, actress Sandra Oh is going in a very different direction for her next project. Oh is lending her voice and producing power to Window Horses, an animated film about a young Canadian poet of Chinese and Iranian descent. And she's also learning a lot about the world of crowdfunding, thanks to the film's extensive Indiegogo campaign.

You've been busy since leaving Grey's Anatomy. I'm super-excited to be working on Window Horse and kind of producing for

the first time, which for me is a whole new hat and a whole new learning curve, which is great. It's so exciting for me. After a decade of Grey's, the thing I fall in love with is an animated film! So I thought I'd try to get that made.

What was it about this project that spoke to you?

For me, Window Horses is so pro-girl, it's pro-tolerance, it's pro-diversity and it's set in the world of poetry. These are all things I feel extremely invested in and extremely interested in sharing. I feel that race is deeply a part of everyday life, and to be a spokesperson or to put stories out there about people who don't get represented is something I'm really interested in and very invested in. I realized while watching things that are geared towards young people, young girls, I still do not see myself represented as an Asian person. Absolutely not, even with the headway that we have made.

How do we get to a place where projects that are pro-girl and pro-diversity don't just seem like no-brainers? I honestly don't know.

I'm fully aware that the Indiegogo campaign is an outsider's way of making work, and honestly that's why it appeals to me.

Having been inside, in some ways, for the past decade on a very successful and very well-funded television show — which was an amazing, amazing experience — I just want to take what I know from that and bring it to another audience, an audience that is not as well-represented, who actually wants to hear different stories, not mainstream stories.

I'm honestly sick of seeing the same story over and over and over again. All you have to do is look at reality television. All those things are the same!

What has (Grey's creator)

Sandra Oh is crowdfunding for an animated film about a young Canadian poet. GETTY IMAGES

Shonda Rhimes done for representation on TV?



There's so much Grey's did for diversity on television, and the style of the show was that we never talked about race.

The way that her track record can actually prove, in a physical, monetized way, that people will watch a TV show when there are black people on it, to be quite blunt — it's like, yes!

And other stories, other faces that maybe we're not used to seeing as the primary storytellers. Who are we following? Who's story are we following?

The character in Window Horses is this mixed-race young woman who is trying to discover herself and who has an artist's voice and goes and finds it in another country. I just know that there is an audience for that.

I know there is a girl out there who is going to see herself in this

character, and I want her to see it.

How has it been so far interacting with that audience?

It's very new for us. I'm sure there are a lot of other people who are pros at it, and the way we're doing it is our own way. It's mysterious in its own way because you have no idea what will happen, and I just hope that people will see it and say, "I want to see a stick-figure character who has two little slits for eyes and is wearing a chador, I want to see her up there so I'm going to donate."

It's a platform to connect with people — to connect with like-minded people. Just the amount of people who have responded to it and want to tell their own stories, it's a like a flood-gate. When people — or let's say larger organizations or paradigm structures — say that no one wants to hear these stories, I just don't believe it. I don't believe it at all.

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Guardians of the Galaxy

Director. James Gunn

Stars. Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Bradley Cooper

These Guardians are a motley crew of celestial badasses: giant grunting tree Groot (Vin Diesel); sarcastic mutant varmint Rocket Raccoon (Bradley Cooper); pompous tattooed strongman Drax (Dave Bautista); and green-skinned ninja Gamora (Zoe Saldana). The fifth member is the only human one: Chris Pratt's treasure raider Peter Quill. They all have their own attitudes and agendas, but fate — in the form of an all-powerful orb that could destroy the universe — forces them to work together. **PETER HOWELL**

Streaming. Ritter lands role as Jessica Jones in Marvel series for Netflix



Krysten Ritter AFP

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Krysten Ritter has landed the role of Jessica Jones, the superheroine turned private eye whose series will air on Netflix.

The actress was chosen over four other candidates: Marin Ireland, Alexandra Daddario, Teresa Palmer and Jessica de Gouw. The news is not yet confirmed.

Ritter has an extensive

TV resumé, including roles on Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23, The Blacklist, Veronica Mars and Breaking Bad. Also a regular on the big screen, she will soon appear in Tim Burton's Big Eyes and in the comedy Search Party.

Jessica Jones will be the second of four series ordered by Netflix from Marvel, each dedicated to a lesser-known superhero. **AFP**

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When was the last time you actually read your bills? Most people just pay 'em without giving a second thought to whether they're getting their money's worth.

Since you work hard for your money, doesn't it make sense to see if it's going where it will do you the most good? As we round the corner into a new year, this is a good time to stop and take stock of how you've been spending your money.

People shell out thousands a year on home phone and cellphone bills. A little attention could net you a cheaper plan that gets you what you need and puts money into your savings account. Ditto your cable and gas bills, your credit card and bank statements.

Today, spend one hour going over all your bills so you're completely familiar with where your money is going.

Look for all the things you pay for, but seldom use, and as you chop, trim, slice and dice, make a list of the money you're saving.

With electricity costs going up, saving money is as simple as unplugging unused appliances. Even when your appliances aren't in use, if they're plugged in, they're using electricity. And some appliances are energy pigs. Did you know your DVR is



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using more power than your fridge?

Do you know what you paid in service charges last month? No? Time to read your bill! I've looked through bank statements showing a \$20 withdrawal holding hands with a \$3 fee. That's a 15 per cent fee. If you're using an ATM like a wallet, what's wrong with you?

Then there are the dopes that think living in overdraft is a good idea. It's not just the monthly fee (if you even have a plan, 'cause I've seen some folks paying \$5 a day for every day they're in overdraft), there's the inter-

est charge too. No, that's not 1.75 per cent a year ... that's a month, which translates into 21 per cent a year. OD was never meant as a cash-flow supplement; it was always meant for emergencies. If you are always in overdraft, it's because you haven't cozied up to a budget. Do it.

Don't forget those bills that come less often, like your home and car insurance. My last home insurance bill went up by 16 per cent. You might be surprised at how easy it is to save some money just by shopping around online.

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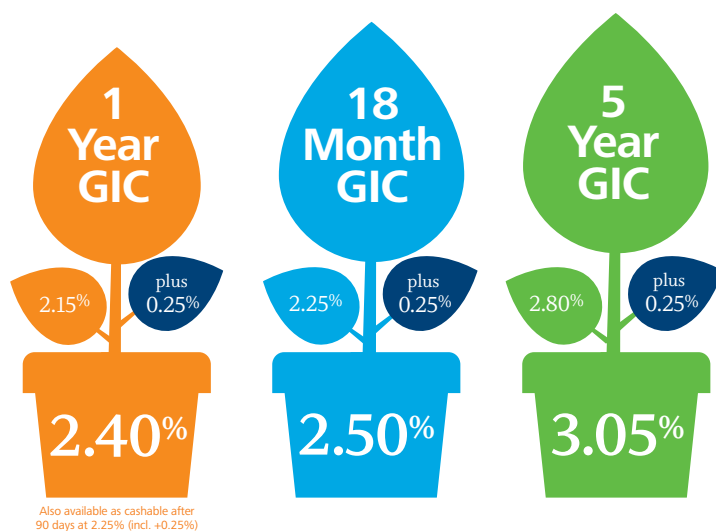
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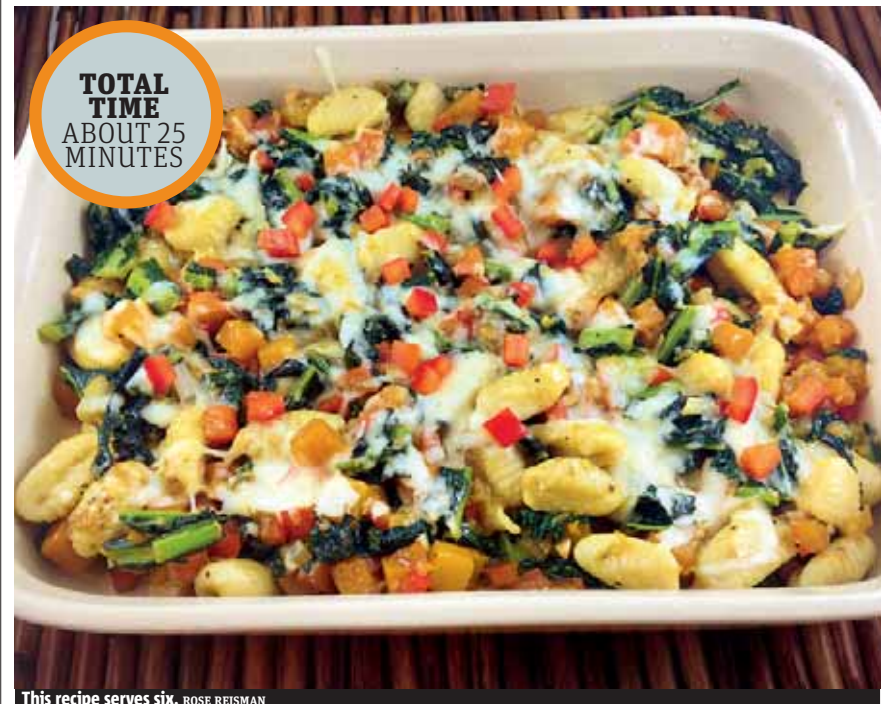
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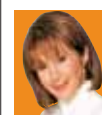
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3. Meanwhile, bring a pot of water to a boil. Add gnocchi and bring back to a boil. Cook for 4 or 5 minutes, or just until the gnocchi rise to the top and

are tender. Add kale during last two minutes of cooking. Drain well and add gnocchi and kale to squash mixture. Add Parmesan cheese.

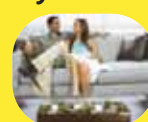
4. Spray a 9x13 inch casserole dish with vegetable oil. Add gnocchi mixture and garnish with mozzarella cheese. Broil for two minutes or just until cheese has melted.

Ingredients

- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 cup diced butternut squash
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 lb gnocchi
- 8 cups chopped kale leaves
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup grated mozzarella cheese

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When the going gets ruff, call on the campus canine

Education. Post-secondary schools turn to therapy dogs to help high-strung students

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Metro in New York City

"Doggy!" This is the reaction most people have when a dog crosses their path. For years, studies have examined how dogs help people deal with difficult topics such as illnesses and grief.

Given this, it seems only natural that college campuses across the country would start to use therapy dogs to help relieve the significant stress among students that can build up as they juggle science labs, work-study jobs and writing 20 page papers.

Enter Jersey, an adopted Carolina blend who recently became Drexel University's first canine employee. (He even has his own official identification card).

With Jersey's hiring, Drexel became the first university in the country to have an on-site therapy dog throughout the academic year.

Jersey can be found on



Kathryn Formica and Jersey hard at work in their shared office. CONTRIBUTED

the third floor of the recreation centre in the office of Kathryn Formica, his owner and the co-ordinator of student fitness and wellness in the Drexel Recreation Center. Formica explains that she sees an average of 10 to 25 student visitors per day, but around midterms it spiked to 30 students or more.

"I was excited that he's

The dog that made my day

"He makes them feel safe and secure; he brings instant smiles and happiness."

Kathryn Formica, Coordinator of student fitness and wellness in the Drexel Recreation Center, on canine employee Jersey

not in a library setting, because it gets students into our building to see the gym facilities," Formica says. "They can see other alternative ways to relieve stress."

Dogs just make people happy, Formica notes in observing Jersey's popularity.

"Jersey reminds them of home," Formica says.

"He makes them feel safe and secure; he brings instant smiles and happiness."

Other schools that have incorporated therapy dogs

into campus life include Harvard, which has a Shih Tzu named Cooper in their Library of Medicine and New York University which has had therapy dogs visit their campus to interact with law students.

Career. Poll finds most people do not report sexual harassment at work

A new poll has found that four out of five respondents who say they were sexually harassed in the workplace did not report it to their employer.

The online poll of more than 1,500 people conducted by Angus Reid said those who reported harassment offered a number of reasons for not coming forward.

Most said they preferred to handle the problem on their own, while others cited fear that their career would suffer, embarrassment or they felt the incident was too minor in nature.

The poll found 28 per cent of the women and men who participated reported unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours or sexually charged talk in the past two years.

The polling industry's professional body, the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association, says online surveys can't be assigned a margin of error as they are not a random sample and therefore the surveys are not necessarily repre-

Female focus

43 %

Results of an Angus Reid study indicated that women were four times as likely to be on the receiving end of sexual harassment than men; 43 per cent compared to 12 per cent.

sentative of the whole population.

The issue of workplace harassment has gained prominence since the CBC fired radio host Jian Ghomeshi after a number of women accused him of physical and sexual harassment. He has admitted to engaging in rough sex, but has said the encounters were consensual. Toronto police recently laid criminal charges including four counts of sexual assault against Ghomeshi after three women came forward alleging physical and sexual harassment. Ghomeshi's lawyer has said her client will plead not guilty to the charges.

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McEwen continues roll against Jacobs

Canada Cup. Winnipeg rink wins its sixth event out of last seven tries; Sweeting claims title in women's draw

The wins just keep adding up for Mike McEwen.

A day after needing an extra end to beat Glenn Howard of Penetanguishene, Ont. in the semifinals, the Winnipeg native broke out to a big lead early and never trailed en route to defeating Olympic Gold medalist Brad Jacobs 8-3 in Sunday's men's final of the Canada Cup.

The win was the sixth in seven events this season for the McEwen foursome.

"It feels like an explosion of wins the last few months," he said. "It's beyond our expectations. We knew we could be the best team in the world but we had to find a new level."

After making a relatively simple tap back to score two in the first end, the McEwen crew of third B.J. Neufeld, second Matt Wozniak and lead Denni Neufeld stole three in the second for a 5-0 lead.

Jacobs and his rink of third Ryan Fry, second E.J. Harnden and lead Ryan Harnden tacked on two in the third but McEwen responded with a pick up of two in the fourth end to make it 7-2.

"That was a gift," McEwen said of the steal and the 5-0 advantage. "That's not go-



Skip Mike McEwen delivers his stone as Matt Wozniak, left, and Denni Neufeld sweep during the men's Canada Cup semifinal draw against Glenn Howard in Camrose on Saturday. McEwen won the event, beating Brad Jacobs in the final. MICHAEL BURNS/CCA

Quoted

"A great team game, probably our strongest game all week, start to finish and from lead to skip."

Edmonton's Val Sweeting after winning in the women's final

ing to happen against a team like that very often; It might not happen again for years. It just shows that being off just a little bit, whether it's a few extra feet of weight or a few inches of line can dramatic-

ally swing a game."

"We came out sloppy," a dejected Jacobs said of the first end. "They got two corners on us. It looked real good from that point on if you were McEwen. They got

up to a 5-0 lead and that was pretty much game over."

Earlier in the day, Edmonton's Val Sweeting scored a deuce in the ninth end and earned a steal in the 10th to win the women's final with a 6-3 victory over Ottawa's Rachel Homan.

It was a small measure of revenge for Sweeting, who lost to Homan in the final of the Tournament of Hearts last February.

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Speedskating

Blondin finds silver lining in Berlin

Canada's Ivanie Blondin won the silver medal in the women's mass start event at a speedskating World Cup meet on Sunday.

The Ottawa skater has won a medal in the event at all three World Cup stops this season, winning gold in Japan and bronze in South Korea before Sunday's silver-medal performance.

Blondin currently sits fifth in the overall women's standings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Ducks deliver KO blow to Jets in OT

Kyle Palmieri scored 53 seconds into overtime to lift the Anaheim Ducks over the Winnipeg Jets 4-3 on Sunday afternoon.

Ryan Getzlaf added three helpers for Anaheim, including the assist on Palmieri's winner and extended his point streak to five games. Getzlaf has two goals and eight assists during his current streak.

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PGA

Healthy Woods struggles in return

Tiger Woods tied for last place in his return to golf after four months and found at least one reason for optimism.

At least he has his health.

Except for flu-like symptoms on Saturday, Woods made it through 72 holes of the Hero World Challenge in Windermere, Fla., without feeling any pain.

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Vonn leaves Alberta confident

Skiing. American star climbs podium twice in opening weekend of World Cup races

Lindsey Vonn left Lake Louise with both confidence and the belief she can ski faster.

After winning her first downhill in almost two years, the U.S. star was a second behind winner Lara Gut of Switzerland in Sunday's World Cup super-G. World Cup overall leader Tina Maze of Slovenia was third.

Vonn has had two knee operations in two years, and this was the second straight season she began her comeback at the Lake Louise World

Cup. This return looks more promising from a year ago.

"It meant a lot to have worked so hard for so long and to finally be back in a position where I'm contending every race," Vonn said Sunday. "That's more than I could have hoped for."

Vonn's downhill victory Saturday was her first since Jan. 26, 2013. She tore two ligaments and broke a bone in her right leg a month later while racing super-G at the world championships.

More ligament damage before her arrival in Lake Louise last year limited her to just four starts. Another surgery in January sidelined her again.

The four-time overall World Cup champion and first American woman to win Olympic downhill gold in 2010 will return to Colorado to catch up with speed training she missed this fall. Vonn didn't get back on snow until Oct. 1.

"I have a lot of speed races left in the season, so now I have the confidence I need," Vonn said. "Hopefully by the

next race, I'll be guns ablazing and ready to really put down some good super-G runs."

Vonn finished just under four-tenths of a second behind Gut, who claimed her second super-G win in as many years at Lake Louise.

Gut didn't make the top 10 in downhill races Friday or Saturday, but set a blistering pace Sunday in one minute, 18.46 seconds.

"Downhill is something that is complicated for me in Lake Louise. It's always a fight," Gut said. "Super-G is way more fun for me. I would love if we raced two super-G and just one downhill here, but it's not going to happen."

After winning the first downhill of the season Friday, Maze looked unhappy with 10th the next day.

"That was quite a shock yesterday," said Maze, who is tied with Vonn for first in the downhill standings. "I had a lot of adrenalin in my blood."

"I still have something to do in super-G, but I'm really happy with my skiing."

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U.S. skier Lindsey Vonn celebrates her second place finish after the women's World Cup super-G race in Lake Louise on Sunday. Vonn won the downhill race a day earlier. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wins rush in

60

With a career 60 World Cup victories, Lindsey Vonn is two away from matching the women's record of 62 held by Annemarie Moser-Proell of Austria.

Rams' latest protest for chokehold victim Garner



Left: Chargers Linebacker Melvin Ingram warms up before Sunday night's game against the Patriots in San Diego wearing an "I Can't Breathe" T-shirt. Right: Rams guard Davin Joseph tweeted an image of a pair of his cleats he intended to wear on Sunday against the Redskins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, @DAVINJOSEPH75/TWITTER

A week after their "Hands Up, Don't Shoot!" show of solidarity, several St. Louis Rams players made another societal statement Sunday with the message: "I Can't Breathe."

The slogan refers to Eric Garner, who died after a New York police officer placed him in a chokehold during an arrest for selling loose cigarettes. A grand jury decided last week that it would not indict the officer. A video of the arrest showed Garner gasping, "I can't breathe."

Guard Davin Joseph wrote the words on the cleats he

wore during pre-game warm-ups before the Rams beat the Washington Redskins 24-0. Tight end Jared Cook had it written on his wrist tape during the game, and he said receiver Kenny Britt and two or three other offensive players did the same.

"I feel like we should support what we feel is right," said Joseph, who intended to wear the cleats during the game but had to change because of the condition of the slick turf at the Redskins' stadium. "We should always have an opinion of sticking

up for people who don't have a voice."

Joseph tweeted an image of his shoes before the game with the message: "R.I.P. Eric Garner."

Also on Sunday, Detroit Lions running back Reggie Bush had "I Can't Breathe" written in black across his blue warm-up shirt.

On Saturday night, Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose wore the message on his T-shirt during warm-ups before an NBA game against the Golden State Warriors.

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LeBron takes notice

LeBron James said Sunday he is looking for an "I Can't Breathe" shirt similar to Derrick Rose's.

- "It was spectacular," James said of the shirt. "I loved it. I'm looking for one."

- James says "it's possible" he'll wear one Monday when Cleveland visits Brooklyn.

NFL

Steelers putting in bid for AFC North

With a second straight meltdown at home, the Bengals find themselves in deep trouble.

Ben Roethlisberger and Le'Veon Bell came up big in a game that Pittsburgh (8-5) had to win Sunday, leading the Steelers to a 42-21 drubbing of Cincinnati that left the AFC North race wide open — much to the 8-4-1 Bengals' chagrin.

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MLS Cup

Donovan caps career a champion

Robbie Keane scored a brilliant breakaway goal in the 111th minute, and Landon Donovan retired as a champion Sunday with the LA Galaxy's 2-1 win over the New England Revolution in the MLS Cup.

Gyasi Zardes scored in the 52nd as the Galaxy won the final MLS game for Donovan, the most accomplished U.S. soccer player ever. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Galaxy lift the MLS Cup on Sunday in Carson, Calif. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Pistons done in by OKC's top duo

Kevin Durant scored 28 points, Russell Westbrook added 22 points and 11 rebounds, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Detroit Pistons 96-94 on Sunday night.

Detroit has lost 12 straight, two short of the team record. Its last win came on Nov. 14 in overtime at OKC, a game Durant and Westbrook missed.

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NHL

Canucks capitulate late in O-Town

Erik Karlsson scored the winner 1:21 into overtime to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 4-3 win over the Vancouver Canucks on Sunday.

Ottawa scored four unanswered goals to win the game and snap a five-game losing streak.

Mika Zibanejad led the way for the Senators (10-11-5) with two goals and two assists.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries

March 21 - April 20

This week should be easier than last week. Today, however, you may have to deal with a problem you would like to pretend does not exist.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

An embarrassing event will make you shy to show your face in certain circles but so what if you made a fool of yourself? No one is perfect. Laugh it off.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Get out into the world and have a good time. The more people you meet on your travels the better, as they will open your eyes to new possibilities.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Something shiny will catch your eye and you won't be happy until you possess it. Whether or not you can afford it won't worry you. Will you regret it tomorrow? Who cares!

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

There are so cosmic influences working in your favour and you can't help but feel delighted with life. However, as luck planet Jupiter turns retrograde in your sign today don't take too much for granted.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you find it hard to get your act in gear as the new week begins maybe you are doing something wrong. Or maybe you need an extra day of rest.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Make an effort to get to know someone you thought of as boring and you may be surprised to find they are more interesting than you imagined.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Whatever challenges you are faced with over the next few days you will attack them. But don't get carried away and take on something (or someone) that is out of your league.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You know that what you believe in is right and you know that what someone else believes in is wrong. How do you convince them to change their outlook? You don't. Let them learn from their own mistakes.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Don't be too critical of someone today because later in the week you will need their assistance and they are unlikely to give it if you've been too hard on them.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

As Jupiter begins one of its retrograde phases today you are advised not to take anything for granted.

Pisces

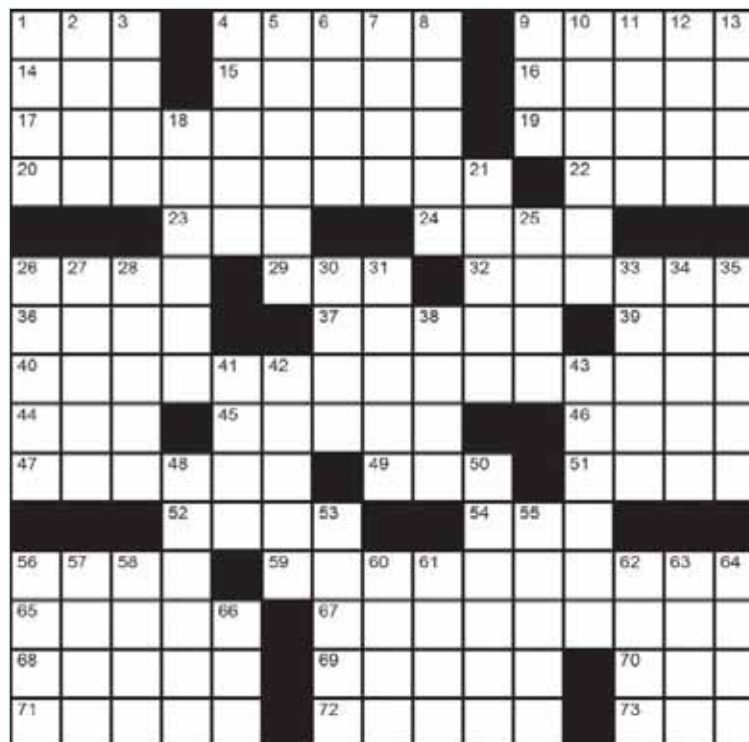
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may be one of the more sensitive members of the zodiac but you can be tough when the occasion calls for it. At work others will get the message that you're not such a wimp after all.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Corn on the ___
4. Guinness and Baldwin
9. Thing to kick as a New Year's resolution
14. Shakespeare: "___ some other name!" - Juliet
15. "Hello, ___!" (1969)
16. Historical time
17. One who points out every perceived flaw
19. Indulgence at the mall
20. John Lennon song: 2 wds.
22. Star tennis player Mr. Murray
23. Battleship letters in The States
24. Yank
26. Printer's pile
29. Five - Three = What?
32. Opera legend Maria (b.1923 - d.1977)
36. Linguish
37. Mountain spinach
39. "___ the King's Men" (2006)
40. ___ Provincial Park, in northwestern Ontario
44. Building extension
45. Speak
46. Ding-___! (Sound from the door)
47. Delete private information
49. Home addr.
51. Angry snits



52. "This Hour Has 25 Minutes" bit
54. ___ rata
56. Ms. Carrere's
59. Promontory on which Quebec City sits: 2 mots
65. Foretells
67. Attorney, in England

Down

1. And, e.g.
2. Off-Broadway theatrical award
3. Test version of software
4. "Good-bye!"
5. Plague pest
6. Antlered animals
7. Horsefly
8. Sundae topping
9. She's opposite
10. Disgust
11. "___ Free" (1966)
12. Frosted
13. Group of unnamed people
18. Feathered
21. State flower of New Mexico

Friday's Crossword



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Friday's Sudoku



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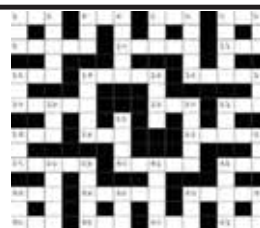
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